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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Annotated provisional agenda

Section I of this document contains the provisional agenda for the resumed first session of the Preparatory Committee and section II the annotations to the provisional agenda. The proposed programme of work of the Preparatory Committee will be issued in an addendum.

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II. ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

By resolution 48/193 of 21 December 1993, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the first session of the Preparatory Committee should be resumed in New York for a period of five working days, from 7 to 11 March 1994, to complete the preparatory work assigned to it in paragraph 11 of Assembly resolution 47/189, including the draft Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States contained in annex III to the report of the Preparatory Committee, and that

adequate facilities should be made available for that purpose within the approved budget limit set for the biennium 1994-1995.

With regard to the conduct of business of the Preparatory Committee, it may be recalled that rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that "the rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly, as well as rules 45 and 60, shall apply to the procedure of any subsidiary organ unless the Assembly or the subsidiary organ decides otherwise". Accordingly, the proceedings of the Preparatory Committee are governed by rule 161.

2. Preparations for the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/189 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions

(a) Organization and programme of work of the Conference

The Preparatory Committee will be informed about the organization and programme of work of the Conference.

(b) Participation of non-governmental organizations in the Conference and its preparatory process

By resolution 47/189 of 22 December 1992, the General Assembly invited relevant non-governmental organizations from developed and developing countries, in particular those from small island developing States and those related to major groups, to contribute, within the areas of their competence and expertise, to the Conference on the basis of the procedures for their accreditation used for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as recommended in paragraph 38.44 of Agenda 21.

At its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee decided to invite non-governmental organizations, including major groups, to contribute actively to the Conference and its preparatory process, in accordance with the procedures followed for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

At its first session, the Preparatory Committee approved the accreditation to the Conference and its preparatory process of a number of non-governmental organizations (A/48/36, part two, chap. VIII, decision 9).

By resolution 48/193, the General Assembly, inter alia, endorsed decision 4 of the Preparatory Committee concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations, including major groups, in the Conference and its preparatory process.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Conference and its preparatory process (A/CONF.167/PC/L.4/Add.1)

(c) Preparations by the host Government

The Preparatory Committee will be further apprised of the preparations being carried out by the host Government.

(d) Operations of the voluntary fund

The General Assembly, by resolution 47/189, decided, inter alia, that the funds necessary for the preparatory process and the Conference itself should, subject to the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 40/243 of 18 December 1985, 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, be made available within the programme budget without adversely affecting other ongoing activities and without prejudice to the provision of extrabudgetary resources. The Assembly also decided to establish a voluntary fund for the purpose of assisting small island developing States and the least developed countries to participate fully and effectively in the Conference and its preparatory process, and invited Governments to contribute to the fund.

3. Consideration of plans and programmes to support the sustainable development of small island developing States and the utilization of their marine and coastal resources, which includes meeting essential human needs, maintaining biodiversity, and improving the quality of life for island people, as well as measures that will enable small island developing States to cope effectively, creatively and in a sustainable manner with environmental changes and to mitigate the impacts on and reduce the threats posed to marine and coastal resources

(a) Draft Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(b) Information on donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States

(c) Consideration of proposals for a Barbados Declaration on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

At its first session, the Preparatory Committee decided to request the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to prepare a revised integrated and comprehensive working text, based on the revised version of the document entitled "Position of the Group of 77 and China on basic elements for an action programme for the sustainable development of small island developing States", which would take into account the comments and proposals made by delegations.

The Preparatory Committee will have before it for its consideration and appropriate action the draft Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, based on the position document of the Groups of 77 and China.

At its first session, in decision 11, the Preparatory Committee, having noted with appreciation the preliminary information supplied by United Nations agencies (A/CONF.167/PC/6) and having taken into account the need for the Conference to have a clear account of current donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States:

(a) Decided to request the Secretary-General, in consultation with the relevant United Nations agencies and organizations, to prepare a report containing relevant information on donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States, and to invite bilateral, regional and multilateral donor agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations, to provide similar input to be included in the report, to be available for Member States by January 1994;

(b) Further requested that the Secretariat use the guidelines outlined below in presenting the report:

(i) Information to be grouped under the headings contained in document A/CONF.167/PC/1;

(ii) General information on subprogramme, including objectives;

(iii) Name of sponsoring agency;

(iv) Amount of funds and, where applicable, source;

(v) Where applicable, name of co-sponsor and amount provided;

(vi) Where applicable, name of implementing agency;

(vii) Information to be aggregated at the subregional and sub-sector level;

(c) Further requested that, in preparing the report, particular attention be given to avoiding double-counting between agencies and between sectors, and to ensuring that presentations gave a realistic picture of the current activities of agencies.

The General Assembly, by resolution 48/193, requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the relevant United Nations agencies and organizations, and taking into account the submissions he might receive from bilateral, regional and multilateral donor agencies, as well as from non-governmental organizations, to ensure the timely submission to the Preparatory Committee, at its resumed session, of the report requested in decision 11 of the Preparatory Committee. The Preparatory Committee will have before it the above-mentioned report.

Documentation

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, which contains, in part two, annex III, the draft Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/48/36)

Report of the Secretary-General on donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States (A/CONF.167/PC/13)

4. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its resumed first session

The Preparatory Committee will have before it the draft report on its resumed first session for consideration and appropriate action.